



Roots & Wings

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Reverence

The gift of reverence emerges from the gift of wonder and awe. Reverence helps us to show piety for God because of whom He is. We show our reverence by attending mass, by praying, saying the rosary, by wearing holy medals, and by visiting holy places. At the same time, the gift of reverence helps us to love others because they too are children of God (Saunders 2003).

Reverence helps perfect the virtue of justice. It enables us to fulfill our obligations to God and our neighbors. Because we love God and others, we will want to treat them with respect and dignity as well as give God and those in our lives what they deserve (Hardon 1994). Justice in this sense is not just driven by human law, but by God's call for us to love others. This gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to see others as equals and brothers and sisters in Christ.

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"O come let us adore Him"
echoes in my soul
an invitation
from long ago

so trusted that I
stop
what I am doing
and glance
and gaze
and get into the line
extending to the sky
and thence to the center
of unbroken praise

this is my response
each step
each breath
each yes
tending to our suffering
yet with an ear
attuned
to the distant song of joy
echoing within

"O come, let us adore Him!"

take what is given
leave all the rest

Reverence Book List

These books are available through your public libraries and the Metropolitan Library System.

Compiled by Pam Bartusiewicz

Ages 5-8:

Major, Beverly. **Over Back**

A young girl's favorite spot is Over Back, a place of pools and trees over across the fields back behind the barn, where the wonders of nature wait to be discovered each day.

McClure, Gillian. **The Christmas Donkey**

When a poor carpenter selects a very proud and stubborn donkey to carry his wife Mary to Bethlehem, the donkey tries to resist, but his act of rebellion is miraculously transformed into an act of courage.

Morpurgo, Michael. **On Angel Wings**

A shepherd relates a story to his grandchildren about the night that he was visited by the angel Gabriel, who brought news of the birth of Jesus--and who took him, personally, to see the newborn king as other angels watched over his flock.

Riggio, Anita. **A Moon in My Teacup**

One year at Christmastime, a young Italian-American girl notices that the wooden village handcarved by her grandfather has some visitors--a man, a woman, a donkey, and a baby boy in a manger.

Oughton, Jerrie. **The Magic Weaver of Rugs: A Tale of the Navajo**

When two Navajo women pray for help for their cold and hungry people, Spider Woman teaches them how to weave.

Stroud, Virginia A. **A Walk to the Great Mystery**

While exploring the woods with their grandmother, a

Cherokee medicine woman, two children learn about the spirit of life that is all around them and within them as well.

Yep, Laurence. **The Butterfly Boy**

A boy dreams he is a butterfly, and as a butterfly, dreams he is a boy, sometimes getting into trouble when he forgets which he is at the moment.

Ages: 8-11

Buchmann, Stephen L. **The Bee Tree**

In the rain forests of Malaysia, Nazam waits anxiously to climb the bee tree, proving that he is capable of succeeding his grandfather as leader of the traditional honey-hunting clan.

Menotti, Gian Carlo. **Amahl and the Night Visitors**

Relates how a disabled young shepherd comes to accompany the Three Kings on their way to pay homage to the newborn Jesus.

Ages 11 and up:

Cormier, Robert. **Tunes for Bears to Dance to**

Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family's problems by watching the woodcarving of Mr. Levine, an elderly Holocaust survivor, but when Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend, he comes to know true evil.

Ages 9-13:

Holt, Kimberly Willis. **My Louisiana Sky**

Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950's, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

All:

Nikola-Lisa, W. **Storm**

A farmer and family watch as a thunderstorm sweeps into the valley, surrounds them, and then rushes off again.



"There are two lasting bequests
we can hope to give our children.

One is roots,
the other wings."

Hodding Carter II